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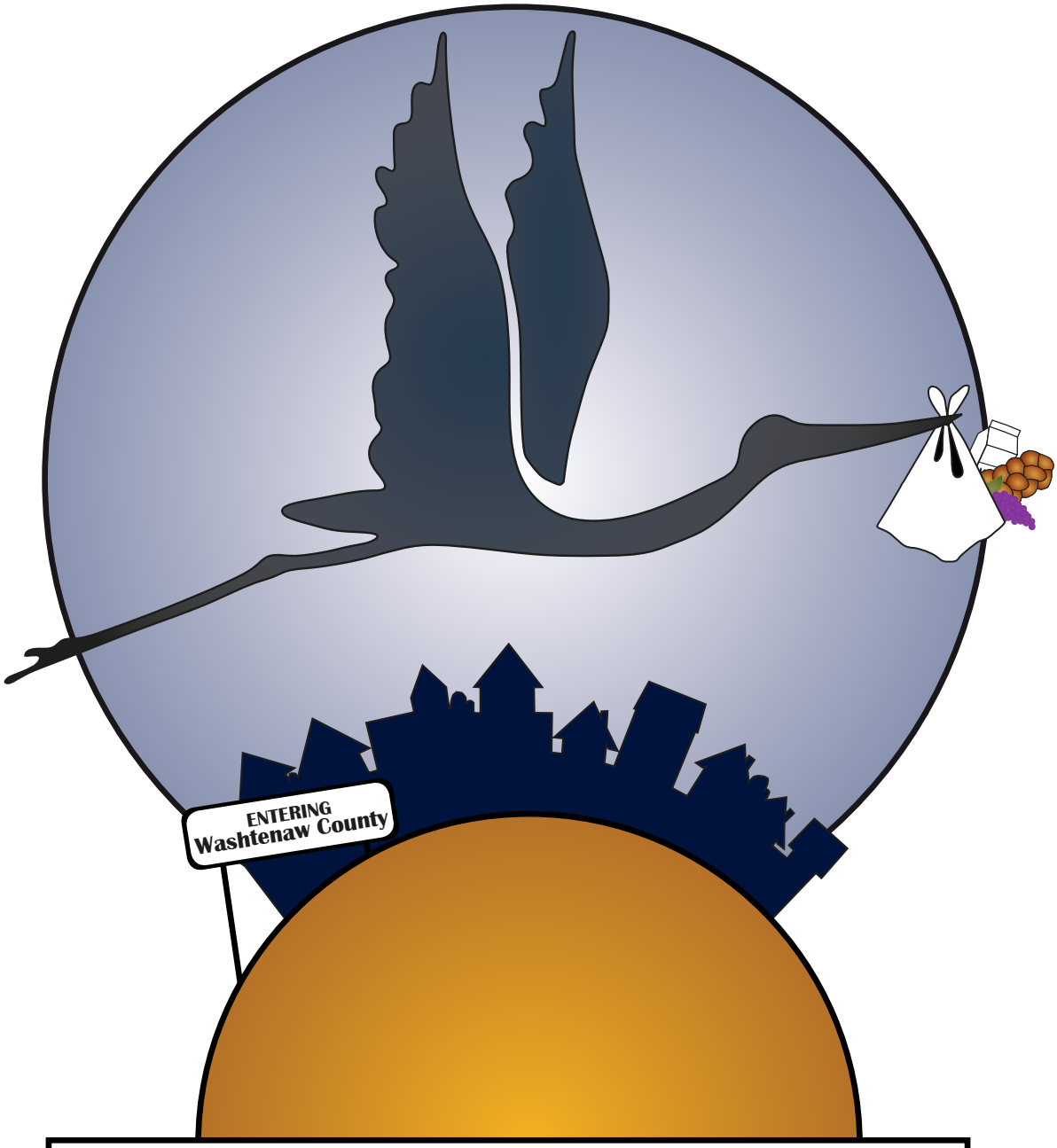

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The Jewish Holidays

Shabbat
(Sabbath)

Celebrated Fridays at sundown to commemorate God's day of rest after six days of creation. Traditions include lighting candles, drinking wine and eating challah (a braided bread). Havdalah, the farewell ceremony to Shabbat, takes place after three stars shine in the Saturday night sky and is celebrated by lighting a braided candle, drinking wine and smelling sweet spices.

Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish New Year)

Festive celebration during which individuals contemplate their past, present and future actions. Traditional foods include round challah and apples with honey, symbolizing anticipated wholeness and sweetness for the new year. Commences the Ten Days of Awe, which culminate on Yom Kippur.

Yom Kippur
(Day of Atonement)

Holiest day of the Jewish year. Through fasting and prayer, Jews reflect upon their relationships with God and other people and atone for their wrongdoings. Ends with a shofar's blast at sundown.

Sukkot
(Festival of Booths)

Commemorates the fulfillment of God's promise to bring the Israelites to the Promised Land after 40 years of wandering. Many build a *sukkah* (plural: *sukkot*), a temporary structure with a roof made of branches, modeled after the huts constructed in the desert. Also celebrated with the shaking of the *lulav* (assemblage of palm, willow and myrtle branches) and *etrog* (a lemon-like fruit).

Shemini Atzeret
(Eighth Day of Assembly)

Celebrated the day after Sukkot and thus sometimes considered an extension of the holiday. Marks the first time *tefillat geshem* (prayer for rain) is recited during services, a practice that continues until Pesach.

Simchat Torah
(Rejoicing in Torah)

Celebrates the completion of the annual Torah reading cycle. After finishing the last sentence of the book Devarim (Deuteronomy), adults and children joyously parade the Torah around the synagogue seven times. The new cycle begins immediately with a reading from Bereshit (Genesis).

Chanukah
(Festival of Lights)

Eight-day holiday commemorating Jewish victory over the Syrians and the miracle of the rededication of the Temple, when oil meant to last for one day burned for eight. Celebrated by lighting candles in a *chanukiyah* (a nine-branched candelabrum), eating *latkes* (potato pancakes), playing with *dreidels* (spinning tops) and giving *gelt* (money or gifts).

Tu B'Shevat
(New Year of Trees)

Biblical in origin, a holiday with environmentalist and Zionistic themes that celebrates springtime renewal and growth. Traditions include eating fruit and planting trees.

Purim
(Feast of Lots)

Commemorates the rescue of the Jews by Queen Esther and her righteous Uncle Mordecai from the evil Haman. When Haman is mentioned in the Megillah (scroll) of Esther, people shout and turn *graggers* (noisemakers) to drown out his name. Traditions include parties, *mishloach manot* (gift-giving) and eating hamentashen (three-cornered fruit-filled pastries). Some also fast on the day before Purim to remember the three-day fast by the Jews of Persia at Esther's request.

Pesach
(Passover)

Celebrates the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. At the seder (traditional service and meal), the Haggadah (collection of texts and commentaries on the Exodus) is read and symbolic foods are eaten. Jews refrain from eating leavened products and eat matzah (unleavened bread) for eight days to remember how the hurried Israelites could not let their bread rise before fleeing.

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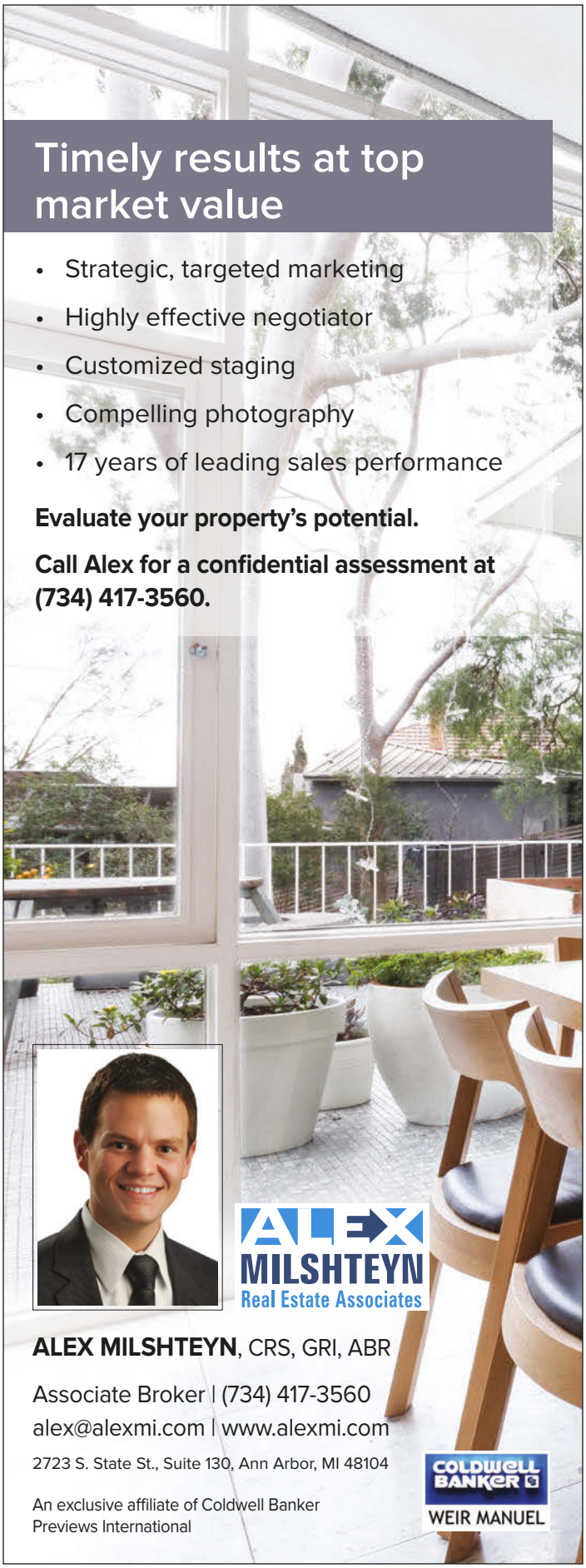
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The Jewish Holidays

Sefirat HaOmer
(Counting of the Omer)

Seven-week period that begins the second night of Pesach and ends at Shavuot. Thirty-two mourning days that commemorate the deaths of Rabbi Akiva's students (see also Lag B'Omer). Traditionally, weddings, festivities and haircuts are prohibited during this time.

Yom HaShoah
(Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Day chosen by the Israeli Knesset, in 1951, to mourn the millions killed in the Holocaust. Often commemorated with the reading of names and speeches by survivors. In Israel, a siren's morning blast allows collective remembrance in a moment of silence.

Yom HaZikaron
(Martyrs' and Heroes' Memorial Day)

Day of remembrance for all who sacrificed themselves for the state of Israel. Public observances include lighting of *yarzheit* (memorial) candles, visiting graves and reciting psalms. In Israel, sirens blast once in the morning and again in the evening to begin Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

Yom HaAtzmaut
(Israel Independence Day)

On May 14, 1948 (Hebrew date: 5 Iyar), Israel was declared an independent state. Many Jews celebrate with parades, festivals and donations to Jewish charities.

Lag B'Omer
(Thirty-third Day of the Counting of the Omer)

One-day suspension of the traditional mourning period during *Sefirat HaOmer*. On this day, a plague afflicting Rabbi Akiva's students ceased. Also commemorates Bar Kochba's recapture of Jerusalem from the Romans. Celebrated with picnics and nature outings.

Shavuot
(Festival of Weeks)

Celebrated the day after *Sefirat HaOmer* ends to commemorate the giving of the Torah at Sinai and the spring harvest. Traditionally, Jews read the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth and eat dairy products. Religious school confirmation often takes place at this time.

Fast of Tammuz
(The Seventeenth of Tammuz)

Fast from dawn until nightfall commemorating the day Moses broke the first Tablets of the Covenant because the Israelites made the Golden Calf. Also marks the beginning of the siege on Jerusalem before its destruction. Begins the "Three Weeks," a mourning period ending at Tisha B'Av.

Tisha B'Av
(The Ninth of Av)

Day of fasting and mourning commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples, both of which took place on the 9th of Av. The Book of Lamentations is read and many conduct services sitting on the floor. ■

JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5778

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah .. September 21-22	Passover ..... March 31-April 7
Yom Kippur ..... September 30	Yom HaShoah..... April 12
Sukkot..... October 5-11	Yom HaZikaron ..... April 18
Shemini Atzeret..... October 12	Yom HaAtzmaut ..... April 19
Simchat Torah ..... October 13	Lag B'Omer ..... May 3
Chanukah ..... December 13–20	Yom Yerushalayim..... May 17
Tu B'Shevat .....January 31	Shavuot ..... June 20-21
Purim..... March 1	Tisha B'Av.....July 22

Washtenaw Jewish News aims and principles

- To provide the Jewish community of Washtenaw County with a quality newspaper that will present news of Jewish interest with a priority on local news.
- To offer commentary, interpretation and authentic background on events of the day, as a means of stimulating the concern and response vital to the fulfillment of our responsibilities as members of the Jewish community.
- To enrich the life of both individuals and the community through the presentation of features, articles, reviews, and other material of Jewish content and interest.
- To provide a forum for comment by members of the community wishing to express their viewpoints on matters of Jewish interest.

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year; including lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life.

The 2017 Annual Campaign raised over $1.3 million to support local Jewish agencies and projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor.

The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2Gether and has fostered a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal with numerous programs and exchanges aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and participants in the annual campaign, community programs, affinity groups and committees. Through groups such as Jewish Young Professionals (JYP), Maimonides Society, Cardozo Society, Jewish Women Doing Stuff (JWDS), Community Relations Committee and Women's Philanthropy, Federation connects Ann Arbor area residents across life stages and interest areas. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County.

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor 2017 Allocations

Local Allocations

Ann Arbor Eruv	$490
Chabad of Ann Arbor	$7,252
Community Emergency Cash Assistance Fund	$7,000
Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor	$102,410
Hillel at Eastern Michigan University	$8,820
Hillel at University of Michigan	$5,390
Israel Program Scholarships	$6,000
Jewish Community Center	$169,540
Jewish Community Foundation	$46,401
Jewish Community Impact Fund	$39,375
Jewish Educators Council	$6,615
Jewish Family Services	$110,740
Jewish Federation – Operations	$469,475
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	$6,000
Keshet Ann Arbor	$11,760
Michigan-Israel Business Bridge	$5,000
Reserve for Uncollectable Pledges	$30,000
Total Local Allocations	**$1,032,268**

National Allocations

Israel Action Network	$500
Jewish Council on Public Affairs	$1,500
Jewish Federations of North America	$52,500

Overseas Allocations

Birthright Israel	$5,000
Hand in Hand Schools	$5,000
JDC Relief in the FSU	$30,000
JFNA Collective (JAFI, JDC, ORT)	$129,575
Leket Israel	$3,500
Partnership2Gether (Ann Arbor/Nahalal & General)	$51,500
Religious Pluralism	$5,000
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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for future generations. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

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As an agency in Washtenaw County that serves a diverse, international population, the mission of Jewish Family Services

(JFS) is to create solutions, promote dignity and inspire humanity. JFS provides programs and services that support the entire community in congruence with the Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, (repairing the world). JFS' Case Management/Services Coordination, Outpatient Mental Health Treatment (Counseling) and Employment Services programs are accredited by CARF International.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers offer friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. Through its Partners in Care Concierge (PiCC) medical accompaniment program, trained volunteers accompany older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication and with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Older Adult Services Coordinator assists local and long distance caregivers in managing the care of their older parents or loved ones. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, Caregiver Consultations, monthly Caregiver Conversations support groups, educational workshops, and more.

NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers support, and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community though a wide range of direct services and programs.

COUNSELING

JFS provides counseling services in a safe, confidential and supportive environment. Skilled and compassionate licensed social workers offer support, guidance and solutions for a wide range of issues that may cause clients imbalance, stress or suffering—all in a personalized style. JFS therapists will use an individualized assessment and draw on their years of older adults to their medical appointments in order to listen, facilitate productive communication and with a written report for accurate follow up by the client or caregiver. experience to create a treatment approach to help clients find their way back to a healthy, balanced life. JFS' Counseling Services are accredited by CARF International and are covered by most major insurance plans. JFS has recently launched "Thrive Counseling Services", a branded service founded as a positive alternative to mental, emotional and behavioral health care. Thrive provides clients with confidential, personal care tailored to individual needs. Thrive is dedicated to helping you maintain a healthy and balanced life.

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JEWISH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

JFS offers a variety of culturally sensitive educational programs and events to

strengthen individuals, families and the community. Education, information and support is provided, not only on universal family issues but also with the goal of supporting Jewish values and traditions and promoting common Jewish interests and socialization. Programs include the JFS Kids Care Fair, Issues for Aging, Mitzvah Mail and more.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides individualized services and guidance to job seekers in order to alleviate barriers to long-term, sustainable employment. The program offers a wide range of specialized services for non-English speakers in our county participating in the PATH (Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope.) program. JFS Employment Services are accredited by CARF International.

RESETTLEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

JFS provides a range of resettlement services for refugees and other immigrants, such as help establishing housing, preparing for citizenship, learning

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TRANSPORTATION

The JFS CareVan Program enables older or disabled adults and other residents to maintain their independence by providing rides within the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area to medical appointments, errands, and community events. A van with a wheelchair lift is available. Riders must be JFS clients and make reservations one week in advance.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

JFS is able to provide services to those in need because of the assistance of many wonderful volunteers. Unique and fullfillng volunteer opportunities are tailored to meet diverse preferences, skills and schedules. There are many ways to help: be a friendly visitor, accompany seniors in the PiCC program to their medical appointments, teach English to immigrants and refugees as an ESL teacher or a conversational partner. You may provide administrative assistance in the o ce, join a committee or assist at an event. Opportunities for family and youth are also available.

THE HERB AMSTER CENTER

The Amster Center's main objective is to enhance economic stability for JFS, for the bene t of JFS clients and the community at large. To that end, the Center has enhanced opportunities for earned revenue (corporate training, counseling, transportation) for JFS by building upon existing expertise, thereby reducing JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding.

TRAINING

JFS and The Herb Amster Center has launched a social enterprise that offers training and development solutions to local organizations wishing to enhance their workforce. JFS and The Herb Amster Center offer local businesses training and development seminars in four distinct areas: diversity, health and wellness, work- life balance and professional skill development. Each session is fully customized to client's goals and needs, rendering our training programs highly effective. These trainings are available for purchase, and are also available to those businesses who are JFS's ongoing corporate partners. To find out more about these training and development programs, and corporate partner ship with JFS, visit www.amstercenter.org

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The Jewish Community Center, known as "the J", has the mission to enhance Jewish identity, culture, and values for the community, through a wide range of resources and excellent programming. The J is a membership organization which provides a wide variety of vital services and programs which are open to all regardless of religious affiliation, and are proudly guided by Jewish values. Members are eligible to serve on the many advisory committees as well as the J's board of directors to shape the organization.

The J hosts popular community wide events include Apples and Honey and Lots, Lots More, the J's celebration of the fall Jewish holidays; Arts Around Town, featuring authors, artists, and more throughout the fall and winter months; the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival in the spring, and many other events throughout the year. The J also serves as the Ann Arbor community's coordinator for the popular PJ Library and PJ Our Way programs that provide free Jewish themed books to families with pre-reader children and young readers respectively. The J's Early Childhood Center provides exceptionally high quality care and education for infants through preschoolers. KidZone provides a variety of programs for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, including afterschool and school vacation programs, snow day/ unanticipated school closing programs, and more. The JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest is the largest annual gathering of Jewish teens in North America, with local delegations traveling to different cities each summer to participate in a variety of sports and arts competitions. The J offers two day camps each summer. Camp Keshet is housed in our ECC for toddlers through preschoolers. Camp Raanana offers a traditional camp program for children in grades K-5; the Atid transition to leadership program for those in grades 6-8; and the Ozrim CIT program for those in grades 9 and 10, potentially leading to paid junior or senior counselor positions.

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lectures, presentations, and classes, as well as rotating exhibitions in the Amster Gallery. The third Thursday of each month, the J offers a lunch and learn called Third Thursdays with an optional lunch for purchase at noon and special presentations on a wide variety of topics. Presenters range from leaders of local organizations and businesses to musicians to conversations with local rabbis or elected officials. Older adults engage socially and intellectually through our Tuesday/Thursday mobility exercise classes, current events discussion, Lunch Café, and more.

The J is the proud hub of Jewish cultural life in Washtenaw County. Five Jewish community agencies call the J's building home: Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, Jewish Cultural Society, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation, and the *Washtenaw Jewish News*. The J also leases space to the Judson Center, a program which prepares autistic children for school and other life interactions. Spaces within the J are available to rent by Jewish and non-Jewish community organizations as well as individuals for meetings, events, and celebrations.

JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Peretz Hirshbein, director

The Early Childhood Center (ECC) at the J has been providing high quality early childhood care and education to the Ann Arbor community for over a quarter century. The teachers and support staff provide a loving and supportive child-centered environment, which encourages creativity, spontaneity, and robust learning by integrating Jewish values and proven early childhood methodologies. Accredited by the National Association of the Education for Young children (NAEYC), the ECC is open to children ages 2 month to 5 years, with a variety of scheduling options to help meet every family's needs. The ECC is committed to maintaining excellent staff-to-child ratios and to providing its staff with professional development and continuing education. The ECC is also home to the summer day camp, Camp Keshet, an indoor/outdoor camp experience designed specifically for young children. The ECC uses the High Scope educational approach (www.highscope.org).

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

KIDZONE AT THE J

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KidZone is a special community of programs at the J for kids in grades K–8 designed to use all the resources of the J to empower children to create, learn, and grow in a supportive and engaging environment.

KidZone Afterschool provides high quality care five days per week, afterschool to 6 p.m. A variety of transportation options exist depending on the child's school of origin. KidZone After-school attendees explore self-directed Tikkun Olam/community service projects as well as being provided with homework support, including computer access, nutritious snacks, indoor/outdoor activity, enrichment opportunities, and more.

KidZone Enrichment coordinates afterschool and Sunday classes for a variety of ages and interest, such as athletics, arts, crafts, creative learning, games, and more.

KidZone Vacation provides fun and educational activities and field trips when school is not in session. Special KidZone programming is available during weather related or other emergency school closings.

KidZone @Night provides periodic evening activities that give kids a night out and parents a night off.

JCC MACCABI GAMES AND ARTS FEST

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The J sends a delegation of teens each summer to compete at the JCC Maccabi Games and Arts Fest (www.jccmaccabigames.org), an annual, Olympic-style competition that provides teens an unprecedented opportunity to compete against their peers as well as perform community service and participate in social activities. Ann Arbor teens ages 12 -16 can join the Ann Arbor delegation to participate in a variety of sports or visual and performing arts at the largest gathering of Jewish teens from all over the world.

CAMP RAANANA

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Camp Raanana is the J's premier pluralistic outdoor Jewish summer day camp for children entering grades K–8 whose mission is to create a transformative and fun summer experience in a safe

environment that nurtures identity, builds character, and promotes a true sense of community. Camp is held primarily at the beautiful beach front Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, which integrates traditional residential camp activities with a curriculum of six key Jewish values: *ruach*/spirit, *chevrut*/friendship, *atzma'ut*/independence, *yetzirah*/creativity, *kavod*/respect, and *chesed*/kindess. Campers have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of nature and enrichment activities each week including archery, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, arts & crafts, a variety of athletics (including Gaga – the Israeli version of dodge ball, soccer, basketball, active games), and more. Optional overnight campouts develop campers' outdoor skills as they assemble tents, learn to build a campfire, and engage in camp fire traditions of songs, skits, and s'mores. Sessions are one week each with registration opening in January and continuing throughout the summer if space is available.

CAMP RAANANA JUNIOR COUNSELORS AND COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Camp Raanana offers two leadership programs with age appropriate programming and education. Upon completion of these programs participants will be well prepared with the specific skills necessary to become paid junior counselors (for grades 11 and 12), as well as the basic skills required for success at any job.

ATID LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Atid provides a first foray into the leadership experience for youth entering grades 6–8. Atid campers have separate group activities where they will learn and develop basic leadership skills. They will have opportunities to mentor younger campers and shadow more experienced staff, as well as enjoy camp activities geared specifically toward their age, with an emphasis on core values and independence.

OZRIM CIT (COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM)

Ozrim is a formal leadership training program for teens entering grades 9 and 10. In addition to leadership training, Ozrim enjoy special guests, field trips, free swim, and more. Ozrim gain real-world work experience, including filling out a formal employment application, interviewing, and training in First Aid/CPR, as well as experiencing a formal evaluation process similar to the professional counselors. Ozrim prepares

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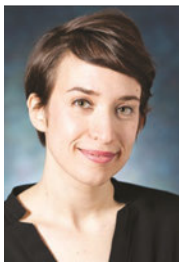

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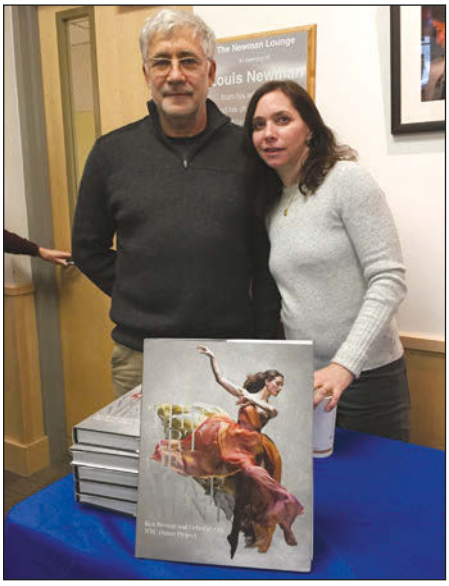

JCC CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

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The Jewish Cultural Arts and Education department gives people of all ages the opportunity to enrich their lives through artistic and intellectual exploration. The J offers classes, lectures, concerts, and hands-on experiences in visual and performing arts, as well as on a variety of topics in Jewish and broader life. The J also offers life-long learning opportunities on topics of Jewish interest, politics, music, film, the environment, and more.

ARTS AROUND TOWN

For over two decades the J has hosted a fall festival celebrating the art of expression through the written word. This has evolved into a season of events which include authors as well as artists of all kinds – visual, performing, and cinematic. The J continues to partner with Barnes and Noble to offer a Jewish themed mini bookstore at the J, as well as throughout the Barnes and Noble store including featured selections by Jewish authors or books on Jewish subjects, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the J. Most events have a small or no entrance fee and are open to the entire Ann Arbor community. Arts patron sponsorship donations make these events possible and are available to businesses and individuals alike.

ANN ARBOR JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Each spring the J presents the Ann Arbor Jewish Film Festival at the Michigan Theater, bringing films from all over the world made by Jewish filmmakers or about Jewish related subjects. In addition the festival hosts discussions led by a variety of experts, and other events celebrating the films and their subjects. This festival is made possible by membership support, as well as sponsorships from businesses and community individuals.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP @ THE J

The J hosts a unique Film Discussion Group led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover a range of topics including plots, characters, and various cinematic elements, exploring the art and science of this expansive form of visual expression. Registration takes place twice per year, once in the fall and once in the winter. There is a fee for participation.

AMSTER GALLERY @ THE J

The J hosts a variety of art exhibitions by local, national, and international artists in the Amster Gallery, provided by the generous support of Herbert (z"l) and Carol Amster, located along the main hallway of the J, as well as in the large Newman Lounge. Exhibitions are frequently launched via receptions with the artists that are free and open to the public. Most art on display is available for purchase.

GELMAN VIDEO COLLECTION @ THE J

The J hosts the Gelman Video Collection, a library of DVD's and VHS video tapes, including the Jewish Heritage Video Collection, provided by the generous support of Charles and Rita Gelman. Videos are on display in the building's atrium and available to rent from the Welcome Center.

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Rabbi Rod Glogower

The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM) is a dynamic, diverse, and welcoming Modern Orthodox congregation committed to building a joyful, traditional community. Serving families, young professionals, and students for over 50 years, the AAOM offers Shabbat and weekday services, as well as fun, educational programs for children on Saturday mornings. A unique aspect of the congregation is that they share services with the Orthodox student minyan of the University of Michigan Hillel during the academic year. The

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AAOM

opportunity to offer Shabbat meals, friendship and a home away from home to University students is a wonderful benefit for congregants as well as the students.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including "Jewish Legal Concepts" on Tuesdays taught by Rabbi Glogower, a renowned scholar and pedagogue. The minyan sponsors activities throughout the year including a fall welcome barbeque, a sukkah hop, women's learning and torah readings, as well as a tikkun (nighttime study session) and picnic on Shavuot.

Daily minyan during the academic year:

• Daily shaharit minyan meets at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays-Wednesdays at Hillel and Thursdays, Fridays at Chabad House (715 Hill St), which also hosts a 9 a.m. Sunday morning minyan.

• Daily minha/ma'ariv services are held at Hillel just before sunset.

Shabbat Services:

• Kabbalat shabbat times vary seasonally, roughly 10 minutes before candle lighting. Exact time will be provided on the website.

• Shaharit at Hillel: 9:30 a.m.; Kiddush following services

Holiday Services:

• High Holiday morning services begin at 9 a.m. The times of evening services vary seasonally and will be announced on the website.

• Services for *shalosh regalim* (Pesah, Shavu'ot, and Sukkot) begin at 9:30 a.m.; evening services times are seasonally adjusted and are available on the website. There is a kiddush following services.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONGREGATION

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AARC is an open and welcoming congregation of over 80 Jewish

and interfaith families, couples, and individuals, from a wide variety of Jewish traditions, as well as non-Jews exploring Judaism. The congregation includes WLGBT and interracial households. AARC is Reconstructionist, part of a progressive movement within Judaism founded by Mordechai Kaplan in the early 20th century that fuses tradition with modernity. AARC's culture encourages an open minded approach to Judaism. A core tenet of Reconstructionism is that "the past has a vote, not a veto"; AARC members actively explore and debate Jewish beliefs and practices, balancing a respect for traditional Jewish teachings with the responsibility to interpret them in the light of contemporary values. The Jewish teaching of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) infuses their intentions and practices, and is reflected in social and environmental action projects as well as in mitzvah opportunities. Community and participation define the spirit of the congregation—all members share responsibility for nourishing it.

SHABBAT SERVICES

AARC meets formally on the second Saturday and fourth Friday each month for Shabbat services. Fourth Friday services are preceded by a Tot Shabbat for families with young children. Services are held at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the group's home base. Communal dinners, Torah study, and informal prayer services held in members' homes supplement these Shabbat observances.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

AARC hosts creative and multigenerational holiday celebrations as well as programs for families with young children. The holiday observances are open to all community members and include ticket-less services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and celebrations for all ages for Hannukah, Purim, and Passover.

BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's religious school, the Beit Sefer, provides an innovative and engaging education for K-7th graders, focusing on Jewish values and ethics, history, diversity, prayer, and Hebrew language. Emphasizing critical inquiry and self-expression, the school uses a project-based learning approach to stimulate students' creativity and involvement in Jewish community.

Reconstructionist Jewish education is dedicated to intellectually honest inquiry combined with knowledge of tradition and commitment to the continuity of the Jewish people. We believe this happens best in a caring, challenging, and supportive learning environment. Students are taught to actively participate in the evolution of Jewish religious culture. Classes are held at the Jewish Community Center on Sundays mornings, 9:30–11:30 a.m., from September through May.

Beit Sefer students learn in three multi-age classrooms. The youngest class, the *Ketanim* ("little ones")—K through 1st or 2nd grades—focuses on Torah stories, mitzvot, and Hebrew using the Hebrew through Movement approach. Emphasis is also placed on creativity, joy in learning, and forming friendships in community. The middle class, the *Yeladim* ("children")—middle-elementary school-age—focuses on Jewish time: the yearly cycle of holidays and the cycle of life rituals. The Hebrew curriculum continues using basic prayer vocabulary, poetry, song, and movement to encourage a comfortable familiarity with the language. The oldest class, the *Gedolim* ("big ones")— upper-elementary up to bar/ bat

mitzvah age—centers on Jewish place: homes; communities around the world, including Israel; and houses of prayer. The students learn about the development of Jewish civilization in diverse localities and about ethical dilemmas we face as individuals and communities. The students continue Hebrew–including learning prayers–in preparation for becoming b'nai mitzvah

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION (CONSERVATIVE)

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Kim Blumenthal, associate rabbi
Elliot Sorkin, executive director

Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for over 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to a rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for 26 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served the congregation since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services. All are encouraged to review or learn new synagogue skills and to read from the Torah, chant the haftarah, or lead services, with instruction provided by Ritual Assistant Ron Sussman.

An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.) Friday evening Shabbat services take place at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning Shabbat services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, the congregation provides classes for children and youth, and many opportunities for adult education throughout the year.

Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life. A deep relationship to Israel is fostered through teen scholarships, congregation trips, dialogue programs and the planning and hosting of a moving community-wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

Beth Israel serves the homeless during Christmas through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to hunger programs. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly who are homebound, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them.

Non-members are always invited to participate in all of Beth Israel activities.

New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. Individuals and families aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300 (plus United Synagogue dues of $37.25).

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Program Department provides high quality, experiential and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults and families.

SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday events as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays. In the summer, Beth Israel offers a Bounce, Barbecue and Barchu featuring a bounce house for kids which concludes with an outdoor Friday night service, and a Balloons, Barbecue and Barchu which includes a balloon artist followed by services in courtyard. Holiday events include "Pizza in the Hut" on Sukkot, and an International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. A T Shirt and Baseball Hat Shabbat on a spring Saturday morning is Followed by a hot dog/veggie dog Kiddush. On Sweatshirt Shabbat everyone is encouraged to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by a cholent Kiddush. Carlebach and Chicken Soup features the melodies of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach during the Friday night service, followed by a chicken soup dinner with all the fixings.

THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables donated to Food Gatherers through the "Faith and Food" program to help others in the Community.

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual Beth Israel Quiz Night, a multimedia trivia competition held in January. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening.

SUMMER FRIDAY NIGHT BACKYARD SHABBATS

Young Families enjoy a relaxing backyard Shabbat experience with a dairy dinner and pot lunch side dishes or desserts held at congregant homes.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Beth Israel offers Shabbat morning programs and services especially for children. Tot Shabbat meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month and features a Shabbat celebration for preschoolers and a parent Features interactive stories and songs, a Torah parade, and a visit from one of the rabbis. Mini-minyan, an engaging Shabbat service for school-age children, also meets on the same days as Tot Shabbat.

HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

High Holiday celebrations begin with a Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration on the afternoon of Erev Rosh Hashanah. Preschool and early elementary school-age children learn about and celebrate the High Holidays through songs, stories, the sounding of the Shofar, and a special Rosh Hashanah snack. On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two hour programs for different age groups are held.

PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading on Erev Purim. Past events include a Sitcom Purim and Haman v Esther: A Super Hero Purim.

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue. Beth Israel has supported the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County since its founding in 1995. This year's Interfaith Round Table Thanksgiving Celebration will take place at Beth Israel on November 19.

ADULT EDUCATION

Many classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including study programs in conjunction with the Hartman Institute in Israel and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, Shabbat Limmud text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a traditional late night Tikkun Leil Shavuot study program, educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal, and adult Hebrew classes jointly sponsored by TBE. This year's Rosenberg Scholar in Residence Weekend March 9–10, 2018 will feature Rabbi Jane Kanarek, associate professor of Rabbinics at Hebrew College in Massachusetts.

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Beth Israel Religious School (BIRS) provides an exceptional educational program, which includes Hebrew reading and conversational skills, prayer, Bible, history, and values. At BIRS, students learn through doing: the calendar includes Friday Night Lights Shabbat services and dinners, Mitzvah Day, and holiday family celebrations.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children ages 3 and 4 and a parent are encouraged to join in the fun activities of the Sunday eight session Gan Katan program. Children and parents enjoy stories and activities together. Gan Katan is open to the entire community regardless of synagogue membership.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meets on Sunday mornings. Grade 2–5 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, age appropriate prayer, stories and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. Elementary students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop fluid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to Israel and the worldwide Jewish community. Students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are Pizza in the Hut Family Dinner; Family Hanukkah program; Family Mitzvah Day, Purim celebration, and Israel Day.

JEWISH JOURNEYS MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Middle School students and their families will pilot a new multifaceted experience designed to maximize student and family engagement. The program incorporates elements such as Limmud mini-courses, Havurah small group meetings, Family Journey Events, and individual bar/bat mitzvah tutoring. Grade 6 meets on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons, and selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 7 meets on Sunday mornings, with Havurah (small group) weekly meetings. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings, with the Jewish Lens photography curriculum and opportunities for Jewish service learning.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED HEBREW

BIRS works cooperatively with Temple Beth Emeth to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as other students who have an extensive Hebrew background. The class is open to all, regardless of congregational membership.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students continue to participate in the school and the synagogue throughout their high school careers. The Madrichim Program has two tracks: students in the Educational Assistants Track work with elementary students, and students in the Service Learning Track spend most Sunday mornings volunteering in the community. Students from the two tracks engage in regular study sessions with the rabbis, and join together for social and group building activities. They may also get involved in other synagogue and community activities, such as: taking Hebrew classes through Keshet Ann Arbor, and participating in Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break Trip. High school students are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Friday Night Lights program provides families with opportunities to enjoy the community experience of a Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6 p.m. followed by a dairy Shabbat dinner. The cost for dinner is $8 per person, with no charge for children under 3. RSVP's and payment are required on the Monday before each dinner. Additional Family Programs offer great opportunities to celebrate holidays together as a community. Pizza in the Hut on Wednesday, October 11, from 6–7 p.m. includes a pizza dinner in Beth Israel's sukkah.

CONGREGATION BETH CHABAD

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By way of background, Chabad is a Chasidic ideology. The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: *Chachmah*-wisdom, *Binah*-comprehension and *Da'at*-knowledge. The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Ann Arbor great area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (*Tanya*), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome

regardless of one's previous background and knowledge, and classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon and evening services 40 minutes before sundown all year round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCCs Apples and Honey event. Adult and children's programs for Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot Chanukah, Purim, Lag B'omer and Shavuot. Distribution of shalach manot (gift baskets) for Purim, Shmurah Matzah for passover and a Passover model matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice, information and help on koshering home kitchens, provision of religious articles at cost, renting furnished rooms for students and visitors, providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality, meals, counseling, lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises (see Womens Organizations). Congregation Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan (see Campus Organizations). For children, Chabad offers Hebrew School at Chabad and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel (see Youth Activities).

JEWISH CULTURAL SOCIETY

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The Jewish Cultural Society (JCS) is a secular humanistic organization that promotes Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for individuals and families whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture and family. The JCS takes pride in the fact that its membership is diverse. All individuals and families — young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish and intercultural — who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome.

Founded in 1965, the JCS stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism. The community offers engaging Sunday school and B'nai Mitzvah programs (pre-K through high school), as well as enriching adult educational and social programs. Life-cycle events are celebrated in a secular and humanistic manner, as are monthly Friday evening Shabbat observances and the Jewish holidays.

The JCS is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Every fall the Jewish Cultural Society offers secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances, primarily in English. These events are held at the JCC and are open to the public. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the JCS choir. Tashlich is observed along the banks of the Huron River, followed by a community picnic. The JCS community also comes together for a "Break- the-Fast" pot-luck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations include a Sukkot harvest celebration, a family Chanukah party, a Tu b'Shevat celebration and a Purim carnival. In addition, the Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular 2nd Night Seder each Passover. The contemporary Haggadah that is used was developed by JCS members. The seder includes songs and poetry and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world. A community-wide vegetarian potluck follows.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of secular humanistic Jewish practice. The JCS community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month. These observances are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings, singing, candle lighting, challah and wine rituals, and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones.

Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. After dinner, educational or social programs are offered, such as discussing a topic of interest, playing Jewish Jeopardy, or listening to a bar or bat mitzvah student make a presentation. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

LIFE-CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life-cycle observances are a central part of the JCS community life. In addition to baby namings, a special Shabbat ceremony offers each young student a chance to select or affirm his or her Jewish name. This community-wide life-cycle event provides the students with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named.

The JCS two-year Bar and Bat Mitzvah program is unique and meaningful. An adult B'nai Mitzvah class is also available for members who request it. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult Mitzvah Ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

As the JCS madrikha, Julie Gales works closely with individuals and families to develop very personal weddings, funerals, memorials, and unveilings. The JCS has a Memorial Garden at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School (pre-K through 7th grade) is the Sunday school program of the Jewish Cultural Society. The goal of the program is to expose students to the scope of Jewish life over 4,000 years to engender in them an appreciation for Jewish history, culture, and ethics. Learning is participatory and active. Students sing, create art, cook, and hear and tell stories. The school runs from September through May.

The students learn about Jewish holidays with an emphasis on their relevance today. They also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; and secular humanistic Jewish philosophers. Field trips (such as to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills for the older youth) and simulations (such as the bi-annual Ellis Island reenactment) are integrated into the curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on active and participatory social action. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves through student, parent, and teacher input. In this way, the school supports the students in the development of a positive Jewish identity. Parent involvement in the

Jewish Cultural School is welcomed and encouraged. Parents actively participate in their children's education by teaching, helping in their child's classroom, or helping in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

Jewish Cultural Society's B'nai Mitzvah Program offers a unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program, which begins in the sixth grade and is a two-year process, includes independent research on Jewish topics chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at a First Friday Shabbat observance or other gathering of families of the B'nai Mitzvah class. The topics cover everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement.

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Lives in Limbo: Jewish Refugees in Portugal, 1940-1945

Marion Kaplan, New York University
September 28, 12:15 pm

Louise Bourgeois, Nature Study, 1986

Non/Human Materials Before Modernity

Various UM & Guest Participants
October 2, 9 am - 4:30 pm
October 3, 9 am - 2 pm
Tisch 1014, 435 State St., Ann Arbor

Feuilletons by Theodor Herzl, translated into Hebrew by David Frishman (Warsaw, 1911)

"Below the Line"? The Feuilleton and Modern Jewish Cultures

Shachar Pinsker, University of Michigan
Naomi Brenner, Ohio State University
Various Guest Participants
October 16, Full Day Event

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Deconstructing the Binary, or not?

Sarra Lev, Louis and Helen Padnos Visiting Professor in Judaic Studies, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
October 24, 4 pm

Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw

A Historian in the Ghetto: Emanuel Ringelblum and the Oyneg Shabes Archive

Sam Kassow, Trinity College
October 25, 7:30 pm
UMMA Auditorium, 525 S. State St., Ann Arbor

Max Brod & Franz Kafka

Franz Kafka and Max Brod: Trial and Judgments in Israel

Mark Gelber, Ben-Gurion University
October 31, 4 pm

The St Petersburg Score Collection. A Project of the American Society for Jewish Music

The Birth of Jewish Art Music in St. Petersburg, 1908

Neal Brostoff, Jewish Music Scholar
November 2, 12:15 pm

Dead Sea Scrolls

Beyond the Book: How We Know the Exodus Didn't Happen... and How We Know It Did

Mark Leuchter, Temply University
November 7, 4 pm

Art Spiegelman Self Portrait

Comics is the Yiddish of Art

Art Spiegelman, Pulitzer Prize-winning Artist/Illustrator & Author
November 9, 5 pm
Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

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Painting for Freedom and the Freedom to Paint: Ben Shahn's Murals and the Jewish Refugee Criss

Diana Linden, City University of New York
November 14, 12:15 pm

Classical Numismatic Group, Inc.

Frankel + Kelsey: Jews and Artifacts at the Museum

Rick Bonnie, University of Helsinki
Deborah Forger, University of Michigan
Megan Nutzman, Old Dominion University
Michael Swartz, Ohio State University
Juan Manuel Tebes, Catholic University of Argentina
November 28, 4 pm
Kelsey Museum , 434 S. State St., Ann Arbor

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A Century of Ambivalence: Politics and the Jews

December 4: Panel, 3 pm, Lecture, 5 pm
Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan
Reflecting on Politics, History and Half a Century at Michigan
Rackham Assembly Hall
915 E. Washington St. Ann Arbor

The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish Identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the secular humanistic Jewish emphasis on social justice, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students volunteer for local organizations, such as Meals on Wheels, Lurie Terrace, Peace Neighborhood Center, and many others.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the JCS madrikha, Julie Gales, who presides over the events. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or at another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

OLDER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue their involvement in the JCS by joining the Tzoffim Program. This program includes leadership opportunities and discussions focusing on contemporary Jewish identity, as defined through history and culture. The program also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and help plan holiday programs and other community-wide events. The post-bar/bat mitzvah-age youth may also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

The JCS offers adult education programs monthly throughout the school year. The Book Club, the Memoir Writing Group and Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportuni-ty for all members of the wider Jewish community to have interesting discussions and enjoy each other's company. The JCS also co-sponsors a variety of presentations with the Jewish Community Center and other Jewish community groups. Adult input into all of the JCS activities is encouraged and appreciated.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah takes the form of a monthly potluck for older members held in rotation at the homes of the participants. Meeting regularly since 1990, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversa-tions. Some of the members were among the original founders of the Jewish Cultural School in 1965. Others have helped organize the 50 years of archival documents that contain the impressive history of the organization.

PARDES HANNAH

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer—through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year. Pardes Hannah meets at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue. Several times a year the group will meet for Kabbalat Shabbat and pot luck dinners at members homes. Services and other activities are lead by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. Check

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members—a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

This year, TBE celebrated its 50th anniversary with a Shabbat service on August 19, at which, they welcomed their new rabbi, Rabbi Josh Whinston, to their community. There was a series of events coordinated by TBE's Transition Committee over the summer meant to embrace Rabbi Whinston's new role in the Temple's community, and the larger Ann Arbor one.

TBE continues to cater to a diverse congregation by providing a spectrum of Shabbat services that meet the various needs and spiritual journeys of its members. Every Friday evening, Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at 5:45 p.m. Parents and children are invited for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Dinner concludes with a popsicle oneg. At 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Whinston. On weeks without a bar or bat mitzvah, Kaddish will be said at the conclusion of Torah Study. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah. Prayer is the heart of the congregation.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. The Family

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Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner have become TBE traditions, with families bringing their menorahs to light during the service. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/ Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors.

MUSIC

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Regina Hayut. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, periodically at Friday night services and at concerts throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, highlights of the Kol Halev year may include an annual concert with the adult choir of St Clare's Episcopal Church, a Cabaret Night in which members cook a delicious dinner and entertain the community, and an all ensemble concert featuring all of the performing groups of TBE.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

Kol No'ar, TBE's Youth Choir, is made up of students grades 3–5. While the main goal of Kol No'ar is to mesh the love of music and singing with Jewish learning through lively rehearsals, the group also has lots of fun performing in services and concerts at the temple and in the community during the course of the year. Shir Chadash, the Middle and High School student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. This year, the Shir Chadash Band will be directed by Andrew Peck, a recent graduate of the Jazz Music program at the University of Michigan, and will have separate rehearsal and performance opportunities for students of varying levels of instrumental proficiency. Adding to the excitement of and in collaboration with the revamped instrumental program, the choral program will include writing, producing, and performing in the first ever student-run Purim Spiel.

To hear all of these amazing musical performers, come to the All Ensemble Con- cert and reception on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 4 p.m. This concert is always one of the highlights of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam vary from year to year depending on local, regional and global issues of relevance to our goals in promoting peace and equality.

Social action takes many forms at Temple Beth Emeth, TBE members work jointly with St. Clare's Episcopal Church on several ongoing activities including: The Back Door Food Pantry, the Food and Faith Garden, the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House, the Food Gatherer's Community Kitchen at the Delonis Center, and hosting the Shelter Association's Rotating Shelter during Thanksgiving week. This year both congregations and Blue Ocean Faith will be working with Jewish Family Services to support refugee resettlement efforts.

Other outreach efforts include connections with projects to promote peace and cooperation in Israel such as Hand in Hand schools, Rabbis for Human Rights, Zeitouna Im and dialogue and interfaith worship between Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders in our community through the Niagra Foundation celebrating Eid al Fitr marking the break the fast at the end of Ramadan.

Annually TBE members volunteer at sites throughout our community during Mitzvah Day.

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (See additional sections on Men's and Women's organizations for details and contact information.)

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

TBE offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, study with Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and a themed lecture series. Cantor Emerita Rose will again be facilitating a Spirituality Book Club this year, offered as both an evening and daytime class. SooJi Min, Judy Freedman and Quyen Epstein-Ngo facilitate weekly Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sits. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large. For information, call (734) 665-4744. Stay connected to TBE through the website and become a "friend" on Facebook.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides visits to members of the TBE community who are hospitalized, in nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts shiva services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caregiver support groups meet to support adult children caring for parents living locally and out of town.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services and a special service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and con-cluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on

Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY (Grades 9-12). Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend the services at no charge. Call the office to arrange for tickets.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater.

In the spring, a large annual second night Seder is held that is open to the entire community. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children and relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study.

TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut followed by a special dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20s and 30s group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Trivia Nights, Sushi in the Sukkah, Esther's Underground Purim Party, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups including a new partner ship with J-Hub. The Ruach and Renaissance Group, for members over 40, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events,

as well as other social activities in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School. Look out for new and exciting programs this year.

TEMPLE ECHAD

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Temple Echad is an unaffiliated congregation that embraces new ways of expressing Jewish identity and provides a sacred space for individuals and families of diverse religious backgrounds by bringing together the mystical core of all traditions in a Jewishly inspired, egalitarian context. More spiritual than religious, the congregation is tailor-made for contemporary lifestyles and inclusive beliefs, and is committed to being not only a post-denominational community but also Ann Arbor's first interfaith synagogue. Erev Shabbat services are held every Friday night at 7 p.m. at either the Ann Arbor Friends Center or Journey of Faith Church.

MORE LOVE, MORE LIFE

The tagline, "More Love, More Life," is a congregational mantra that captures the vision of founder and student Rabbi Abby Wells whose vision is to harmonize the future of Judaism and a common human future through an ever evolving spiritual community that takes seriously the call to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICES

Participatory dialogue, personal story telling and a global singer/songwriter music style are central to the life and celebration of the congregation, which revolves around the Shabbat. The contemplative and eclectic nature of the Shabbat evening services reflect a collective search for deeper meaning through spiritual and intellectual exploration, prayer, rest, and meditation that nurtures the mind, heart, and soul. All services are led by Temple Echad's founder, Abby Wells, with music by Cantor Robert Chester and DJ Stoney Griffin.

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SOCIAL ACTION

Temple Echad is equally committed to social action and making a difference in the local community. At Temple Echad, the work of Tikkun Olam starts first with bringing people together in openness and peace—a focus that is as much about preparing the world as it is about repairing the world. TE also has a Tikkun Olam committee that aims to both educate about and tell the whole story of Ann Arbor—acknowledging the forgotten and the unknown, to help remedy inequities and to make Ann Arbor's story a better one.

adult activities

ADULT PROGRAMMING @ THE J

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From lectures to lunch to exercise, there is a lot to do at the J. Low-Impact exercise meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and benefits the entire body with a variety of techniques including Chinese self-massage and Tai Chi. On Tuesdays and Thursdays the J hosts a Lunch Café featuring vegetarian, nut-free meals prepared by local caterer Karan Balmer. Lunch is available for $5.50 or $3 for individuals over 60 years of age. Menus are available on the J's website jccannarbor.org or by calling (734) 971-0990 (reserve lunch at least one day in advance). Enjoy lunch plus a guest lecture or performance during the J's Third Thursdays @ the J, held the third Thursday of each month at noon. The J hosts concerts on other days of the

week featuring the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra as well as independent musicians, chamber ensem-bles, and soloists. TheraPaws therapy dog and owner teams visit the J on the fourth Thursday of every other month. Other programs include weekly current events discussions, Yiddish Reader's Circle, health screenings, an annual Red Cross blood drive, and a variety of wellness options such as Zumba (intense), Callanetics, and Tai Chi. There are also many intergenerational activities hosted in conjunction with the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor and the J's Early Childhood Center. Those interested can request that they be added to the mailing list for the monthly adult program guide Spotlight, or contact Rachael directly at (734) 971-0990 or rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org.

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Beth Israel Chaverim are a group of volunteers, both women and men, who support Beth Israel Congregation in a variety of ways, with a special emphasis on building community. Beth Israel Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions and proceeds from sales help support Beth Israel Religious School, and Beth Israel's Alternative Spring Break program for teens, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, Israeli Sisterhood and Jewish Service Men and Women.

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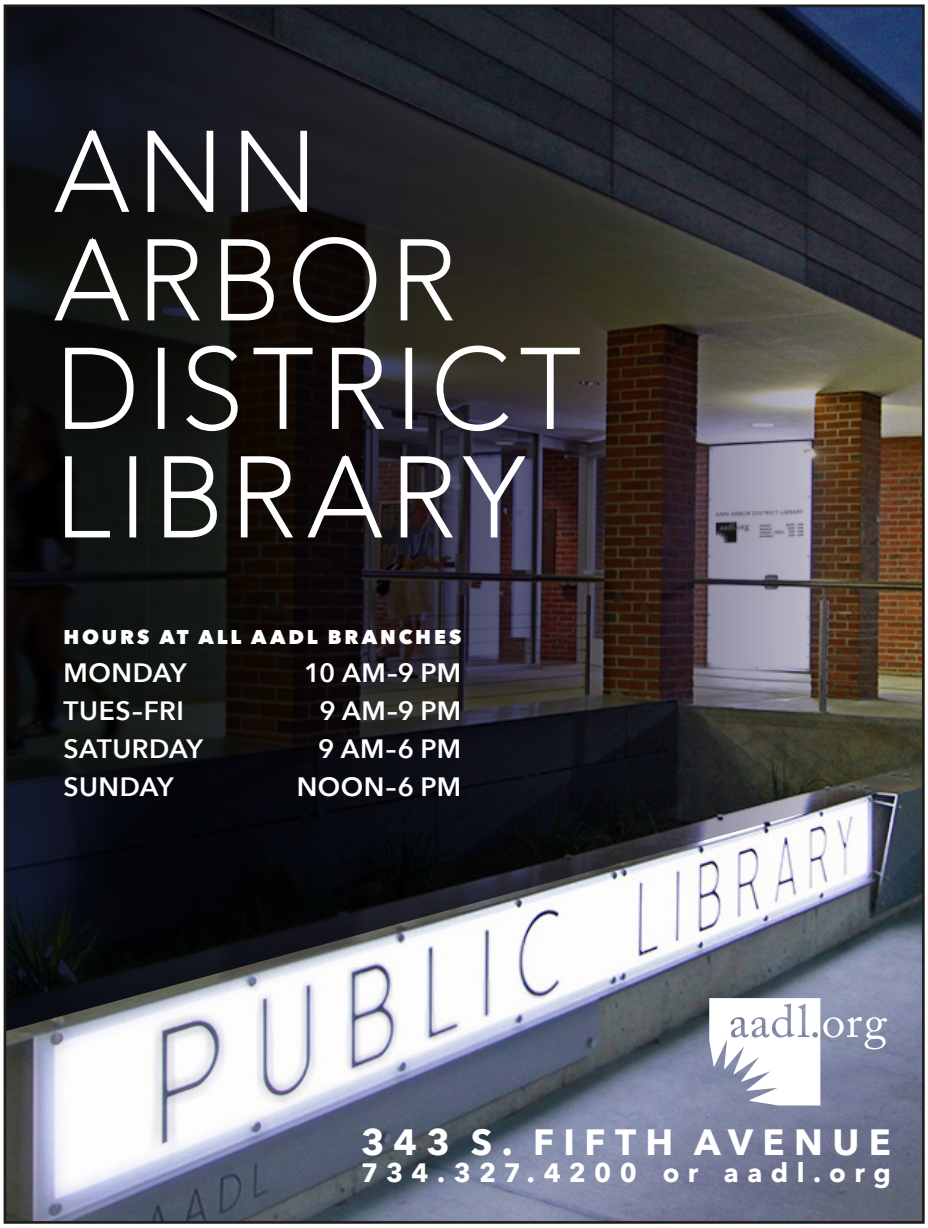
Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Rome, and others. Director Marilyn Krimm has a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York. Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7–8:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. The group performs at the JCC every December and May.



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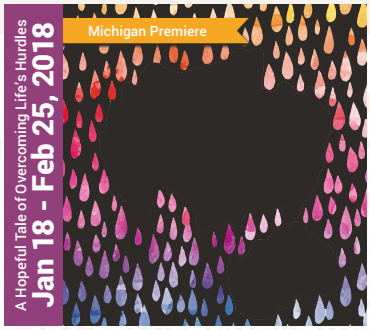

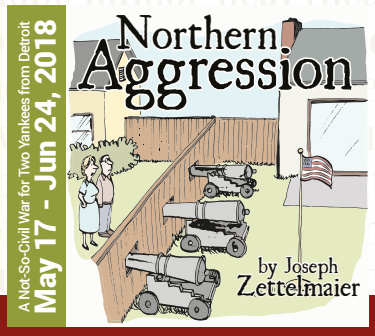

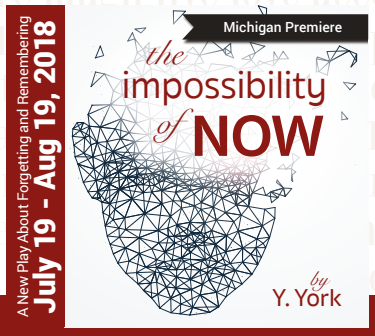

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The J is committed to enhancing the physical and mental wellness of community members and provides many opportunities throughout the year. A2 Rikud provides weekly Israeli Dancing on Thursday evenings. Fitness classes include Zumba, Kangoo, Low Impact Exercise, Callanetics, and other options like Yoga and meditation. In addition, the J hosts its annual Wellness Expo, featuring classes and discussions on health and wellness topics like healthy cooking and nutri-tion, mental health, and more.

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every four to six months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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Israeli dancing group of Ann Arbor meets every Monday evening, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies take place from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 9:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome and encouraged to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. ($5/person, students and kids are free.)

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J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans fighting for the future of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people. Members believe that Israel's Jewish and democratic character depend on a two-state solution, resulting in a Palestinian state living alongside Israel in peace and security.

Rooted in a commitment to Jewish and democratic values, J Street is redefining what it means to be pro-Israel in America. The group's goal is to change the U.S. political dynamics around Israel by mobilizing broad support for a two-state solution, believing it's in Israel's and America's interest. J Street Ann Arbor also believes it is expanding support for Israel by affirming — along with many Israelis — that being pro-Israel doesn't require supporting every policy of its government.

J Street Ann Arbor is the grassroots arm of national J Street. The group's mission is to amplify, promote, and organize around the J Street mission by building and expanding the base of J Street supporters, advocating to members of congress, working with rabbis, synagogues and communal institutions, and organizing events and programming at the community level.

LIMMUD MICHIGAN

webpage: www.limmudmichigan.org

Limmud Michigan is an all-volunteer run festival and celebration of Jewish thought, culture, learning, teaching and fun! Dedicated to the Jewish experience and exploration in all its variety, Limmud is committed to harnessing the energy of people from across the Jewish community and across the region.

This year's event will be held on March 11, 2018, at Wayne State University's Student Center. Volunteer and mini-Limmuds will be held throughout Southeast Michigan all year. Volunteers and participants can register via the website.

RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Dr. John B. Godfrey, assistant dean

Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; and Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

YIDDISH READERS' CIRCLE @ THE J

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Rachael Hoffenblum, Operations Manager and Adult Program coordinator

The Yiddish Literature Circle meets every Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm at the J to explore Yiddish literature, poetry, and culture. Examples of authors typically read include Shalom Alei-chem, I.J. Singer, Sholem Asch, and more. Join the resurgence of interest in this newly revived language. No prior Yiddish knowledge required.

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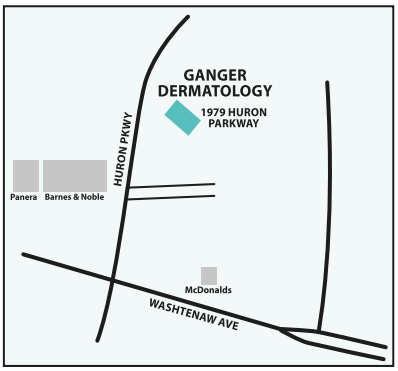

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Spend a *heymish* hour in *der alter heym* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn*, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the university or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. *Iz, kumt un hot hanoe.*

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

website: www.templebethemeth.org/community/brotherhood
Will Parkus, president

Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregations brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members. An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

women's organizations

HADASSAH

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Hadassah is the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Ann Arbor Hadassah, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women.

Local Hadassah activities include Game Night or "Mahj Mixer" and several interest groups, including Mahjong and Book Club. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale and a donor campaign. Programs that benefit from the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/ Children at Risk, and the Jewish National Fund.

Hadassah annual dues are $36 and life membership is currently $250.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings feature lively, meaningful discussions, a great do-it-yourself activity, delicacies to taste, a chance to socialize, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Jewish Women's Circle is a friendship group of Jewish women who meet 6–7 times a year to share creativity, support, and education.

The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community as they learn, explore Jewish topics, and celebrate Jewish femininity.

To receive invitations to upcoming events, call (734) 995-3276.

MIKVAH ISRAEL

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From time immemorial the mikvah has been the foundation of Jewish family life. The mikvah is a haven of holiness for the community.

The word "mikvah" means "a gathering of water" natural water. Built according to exact rules of dimension and acceptable source of natural water, a mikvah is a small pool, usually about four feet deep, filled with clean, clear water.

On Masada and in ancient Jerusalem you will find mikvahs uncovered after thousands of years. They testify to the historic continuum of the tradition of mikvah.

Today, most Jewish communities boast a mikvah that is modern and bright with beautifully appointed preparation and dressing rooms and a mikvah pool that is heated and scrupulously clean.

In Hebrew, natural spring water is called "living water." With its clear waters, the mikvah is a powerful symbol of life and rebirth. Throughout our history, the ritual of mikvah immersion has been a means of spiritual purification, helping us prepare for events of great spiritual significance. In ancient times, the high priest of the Temple in Jerusalem immersed himself in the mikvah five separate times during the services for Yom Kippur, each time reaching a higher spiritual level.

In our time, the mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the Laws of Family Purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House (715 Hill Street, at the corner of Oakland), is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a filtering pool heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

ORT AMERICA

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Joan Levitt, president

Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of providing students with marketable skills in state-of-the-art technology and other fields, enabling them to attain successful careers and become community leaders.

The Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT will hold its Fall opening tea on Sunday, September 24, 2017, at 2-4 p.m. Current and prospective members of Ann Arbor ORT are welcome to attend. There will also be a Chanukah party in December and a Donor dinner in June, 2018, recognizing ORT's generous 2018 donors.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. Greeting cards and tributes are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $36 or more are requested to maintain membership in ORT and to help World ORT fund its important programs. More information about Ann Arbor ORT is available at the website ortannarbor.org. ORT America has information at ortamerica.org.

Each year, over 300,000 students in more than 50 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfied offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and underemployed in southeastern Michigan.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH SISTERHOOD (WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM)

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TBE Sisterhood, a member of Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), provides programs and services that reinforce education, companionship, social action and service to both the Temple and general community. Membership is open to the entire community.

Sisterhood holds informal monthly lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, biweekly Women's Torah Study, periodic lectures, workshops, trips and activities.

Sisterhood sponsors the congregational Break-the-Fast. Sweet Beginnings, an award-winning "welcome to religious school party," is held for new students on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim.

First-time Jewish campers are eligible to receive scholarship support at a URJ camp. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and provides additional funds for special activities to the TBE religious school.

The entire local community is encouraged to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. It is open most Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m., Fridays before services from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, 5:30 to 7 p.m. during the liturgical year. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberzs (734) 668-6842; or amypab@hotmail.com).

A number of community non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Through our WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to rabbinic and cantorial scholarships at the Hebrew Union College in the US and the Leo Baeck Institute and Abraham Geiger College in Europe; the Jewish Braille Institute; the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ); as well as several Reform nursery schools and bat mitzah classes in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from

WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

Sisterhood, as part of Women of Reform Judaism has, since its inception in 1913, been involved in Social Action. WRJ and TBE Sisterhood supports the Jewish Braille Institute, World Union for Progressive Judaism, especially its program that supports teens in the Former Soviet Union going to Jewish Camps and re-establishing their Jewish traditions; providing bat mitzvah classes and preparation for girls in Israel, and support for Women of the Wall; in the US, WRJ is advocating for gun control, women's reproductive rights, children caught in the "school to prison pipeline," immigration reform, protection of voting rights, and much more.

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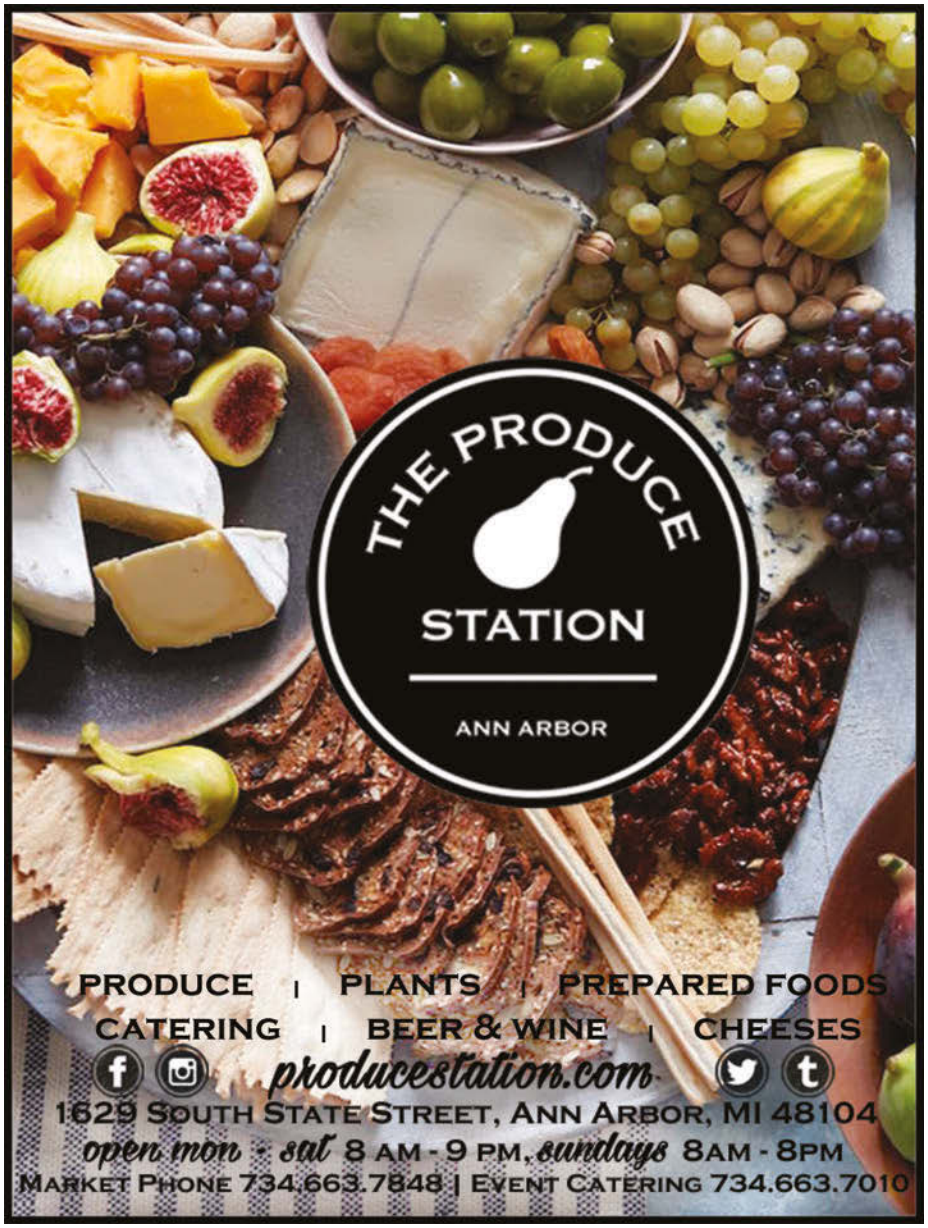
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Eastern Michigan University's Center for Jewish Studies offers courses concerned with the history of the Jewish people. It considers the cultural and intellectual gifts Jews have given the world as well as focusing on the Jewish faith, its richness, its intricacy, its demands, and its complex and fascinating relationships with other religions. Interdisciplinary in design, EMU Jewish Studies draws on faculty expertise from throughout the university. It engages students in a wide realm of

curricular and co-curricular activities.

Among the innovative classes offered by EMU Jewish Studies are domestic travel classes like "Becoming Jewish in America," and "Jewish Identity and the American Theater"; study abroad opportunities include "World War II and the Holocaust in Poland" and "The Question of Convivencia: Jews, Muslims and Christians in Medieval Spain." The Center for Jewish Studies provides a home for the online resource, Nineteenth-Century Jewish Life, and the linguistics/oral history project, Jewish Voices of Southeast Michigan.

The EMU Center for Jewish Studies is also a gathering place for EMU's numerous ethnic communities to learn more about Jews and Judaism, a space to build bridges, to open and engage in discourse, to create new understandings between Jews and the many other groups that comprise the diverse culture of Southeast Michigan. Over the years, the Center's Lecture/Performance Series has provided relevant and accessible presentations by scholars, public intellectuals, and artists like Pamela Nadell, Jonathan Tropper, Jonathan Sarna, Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz, Michael Twitty, David Broza, and Galeet Dardashti and Divahn.

EMU's Center for Jewish Studies has partnered with the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus in Farmington Hills, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Temple Israel in West Bloomfield, and the Ark. Collaborations have included the Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis, the Covenant Foundation,

the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Academic Engagement Network, the Pedagogical University, Krakow, Poland, and the Arbeitsstelle Holocaust literature at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany.

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HILLEL AT EMU

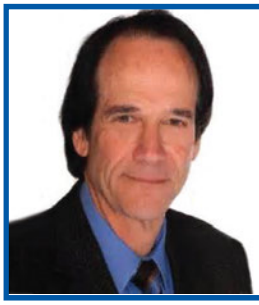
Hillel at Eastern Michigan University—where Jewish campus life begins.

Exploring what makes us all uniquely Jewish and universally human in a welcoming and pluralistic environment, Hillel at EMU is a group for all Jewish students, regardless of background or viewpoints. Their programs and events are student-driven and aim to connect the community with the campus. Whether enjoying a delicious Shabbat meal or traveling on and Alternative Break or Taglit-Birthright Israel trip, there are so many ways to become involved and make a difference in their tight-knit community.

Hillel at EMU is open to students from both Eastern Michigan University and Washtenaw Community College.

HILLEL CAMPUS ALLIANCE OF MICHIGAN

The Hillel Campus Alliance of Michigan is an alliance of campus Hillel's throughout Michigan. Serving students across the state since August 2007, HCAM is building dynamic and vibrant Jewish communities for Jewish students at Alma College, Albion College, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Kalamazoo College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University and Western Michigan University. Hillel staff meets with student leaders to determine their vision for Jewish life on their specific campus and works closely with those leaders to make their vision a reality. As an organization, HCAM supports students with the tools to create vibrant Jewish life including funding, day-to-day staff supervision and student leadership development.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University of Michigan Hillel is unparalleled in terms of its size, diversity and quality of programming. U-M Hillel supports 60 independent student groups, spanning the full breadth of Jewish life. Each group provides opportunities for students to become involved as leaders, driving the programming and decision-making forward for their group and community. Students build leadership, engagement, and community-organizing skills through Hillel that benefit them in their roles on campus, including employment, and in life long after they graduate.

Each group also provides the opportunity for students to access a community that meets their individual needs. With 60 student groups, students can find opportunities to explore their identities and interests in a safe, supportive, fun and nurturing environment. Programming covers social, political, religious, cultural and educational areas, all intended to help students access Jewish life and community on their own terms. U-M Hillel offers concerts, lectures, films, classes, community service, yoga, religious services, discussion groups, dialogue, free Shabbat dinners for students, and a full kosher meal program. U-M Hillel takes more students to Israel on Taglit-Birthright Israel than any other Hillel in the country.

You can come to Hillel to hang out, catch a movie, eat delicious meals, study, hold a group meeting or do yoga. But Hillel is not just confined to their building. You can experience Hillel in coffee shops, in residence halls, on the Diag, in your own home, in Israel or in Detroit. Everyone

is invited to drop in or contact Hillel to learn more about how to get connected or offer new ideas for programs.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, sponsors educational, political and cultural events and programs to promote support and understanding of Israel and its people.

iLead (Israel Leadership), focuses on Israel, education, advocacy and engagement skill building among student leaders.

WolvPac provides students, regardless of their American or Israeli political leanings, the opportunity to create tangible ties between our campus and Israel. This is done through working with campus and community leaders, as well as meeting with congressional leaders. Leaders in this group often attend the AIPAC Policy Conference and other AIPAC leadership training and trips to Israel.

JStreet Umich promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

TAMID: Israel Investment Group, pioneers the next generation of American commitment to Israel by connecting business-minded students with the Israeli economy.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright** Israel trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26 during Winter break or in May.

Masa Israel Internship: Masa means journey in Hebrew and Masa interns connects students on campus to study abroad, post-college, and volunteer programs in Israel.

JEWISH LEARNING

From weekly classes (Talmud, Radical Jewish Ideas, Waffles and Wisdom, and more) to informal discussions to dialogue groups there is always Jewish learning going on at Hillel. How does Judaism fit into who you are becoming? How does your learning influence your beliefs? Hillel can help you with these big questions.

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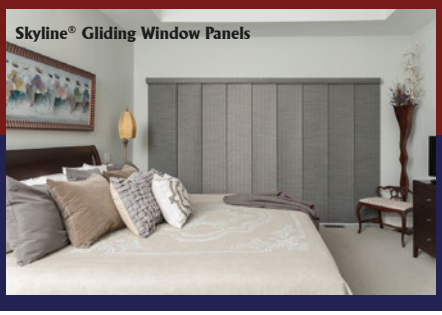
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SPIRITUAL LIFE

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OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

Golden Apple Award conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association). Graduate students and young professionals have a separate space for Shabbat dinner at Hillel every Friday night during the academic year.

Ahava, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.

The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to pres-

ent a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

Hillel Sports fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. Hillel also sponsors the Hillel Ice Hockey Team and competes in the Kaufman Cup, a series of sporting events with MSU Hillel.

Maize and Blue Games is a student group designed to improve the lives of children in Detroit through hosting competitive sports tournaments for U-M students to participate in, and donating all raised funds to Youthville Detroit, a youth center dedicated to "developing youth and enhancing their well-being."

Hillel's Dance Group is a competitive dance troupe on campus that is Shabbat friendly and provides an opportunity for students to express themselves through dance.

The Yiddish Club was established to create a social Yiddish experience on campus. The group meets to speak in Yiddish, read the *Forward Yiddish* newspaper and explore the rich tradition of Yiddish culture.

Hillel Players is a student-driven theatre that engages with the Jewish experience. Hillel Players is committed to supporting individual talents, ensuring that each member is responsible for meaningful, vital work.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet kosher lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

Challah for Hunger raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

MuJew brings Muslim and Jewish students together on campus in dialogue. There is also an alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

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Alternative Spring Breaks are an opportunity to do *tzedek* (justice) work around the world. Past service projects were in Detroit, Birmingham, New Orleans, Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua.

Breaking Barriers connects Jewish students with non-Jewish peers for intercultural dialogue. Given the opportunity to learn about other cultures and religions can help students learn more about themselves. as Jews.

Ask Big Questions convenes conversations about life's "Big Questions"—When do we conform? Are we free? What could we sacrifice to repair the world? Through these conversations students can better understanding themselves and others, and improve the world.

Music Vs. uses music, performance, and other arts to create relationships with people at area nursing homes, hospitals, and other venues. It is a national initiative that started at Yeshiva University, and is now active at more than 15 schools worldwide.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

The Jewish Detroit Initiative (JDI) is a student group that engages U-M students with Detroit through social action, education, recreation, and dialogue with city residents.

We Support Detroit Schools (WSDS) seeks to connect public schools with the resources and services they need to provide enrichment programs for students and parents. WSDS participants develop skills in helping partner schools build strong, long lasting relationships and engaging in dialogue that promotes cooperation within diverse communities.

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

Makom facilitates a series Jewish dialogues to bring together diverse Jewish students to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews.

Makom is a partnership venture with the Program on Intergroup Relations.

Health and Wellness is a group focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

Maize & Blue Games is a community service group designed to help support Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga – students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

Hillel Outdoor Adventure was started by students who express their Jewish identity by being in nature and the great outdoors. The group is inspired by Scouts and the Jewish value of bal tashchit, meaning "do not destroy," a guiding value for Jewish environmentalism and sustainable living. Outdoor Adventure enjoys camping, hiking, skiing, and snowboarding.

MEDx (Medical Exposure) was formed out of the shared interests of students who participated in a summer ambulance volunteer program in Israel with Magen David Adom (Red Star of David, Israel's Red Cross). MEDx seeks to raise awareness about emergency preparedness on campus as well learning about the field of medicine and supporting the overall health of the community.

JEWSIC: Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

FYSH: First Year Students of Hillel – and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food (WWFF)**, an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

Engagement & Entrepreneurship Internship - jNET (the Jewish Network) is an engagement and entrepreneurship internship for people who have a desire to create new and different ways to define or access Jewish life at Michigan. Interns participate in ongoing professional development and skill building in areas of social networking theory, community organizing and entrepreneurship.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, Go Blue Wear Pink, Art Out Loud, Prisoner Creative Arts Project, K-Grams, Relay for Life, crowd313, and MUSIC Matters** and encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Judaic Studies sponsors lectures, conferences, exhibits, and other events throughout the academic year, including two annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture Series and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are free and open to the public.

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Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. Engagement with local community members and organizations is fundamental to the students' educational trajectory. Every year, the program invites community members to a late-August welcome breakfast, an open house at the sukkah erected in the School of Social Work courtyard, and intergenerational community dialogues on issues of current interest. The culminating experience for graduating students is their role in planning JCLP's annual "Communal Conversation" through which they invite members of the University and local communities to join with leading national thinkers, activists, and educators in considering issues of central import to Jewish communal inquiry and concern.

For more information on upcoming events, current students, alumni, admissions, and financial aid, refer to program website.

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The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, Ann Arbor Chabad, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known scholar-in-residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

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As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take exams, and prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

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Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel, immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism. There are 286 students enrolled in the school.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and our approach is an active hands-on one where students are guided in their learning by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. We offer parenting workshops on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Regina Hayut supervises the b'nai mitzvah training program. Students work with private tutors and meet with the cantor at the end of each aliyah. The rabbis also meet with students to work on their drash/speech.

MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Hayut leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through twelfth grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 130 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a fantastic trip to New York City. The 10th grade confirmation class will be taught by Rabbi Joshua Whinston and culminates in a beautiful Shabbat service which is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Jews on the Edge", "Repair the World: Being the Change" and "Jewish Identity and Literature."

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a

(classroom aide). Students in grades 10–12 work as office or classroom aides. Thirty-nine madrichim worked in the classrooms last year, served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were four students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year.

T.E.A.C.H. (TORAH EDUCATION AT CHABAD HOUSE)

Chabad House, 715 Hill Street 48104
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Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, directors

Classes offered at Chabad House cover the spectrum from basic Hebrew reading and Talmud study groups to Chassidic and Jewish mysticism. All classes are open to all Jews, regardless of their affiliation or background. An extensive library is available with classic and modern references to complement what is taught. The current class list includes: basic Hebrew reading (individual or small group instruction), prayers and their meanings, the Jewish way of prayer and the organization of the siddur (prayer book), Talmud, Chumash (the Five Books of Moses), Rashi (the 12th-century Torah commentator), Chassidic Jewish mysticism and its application to daily Jewish life in the 20th century, The Ethics of Our Fathers, The Shulchan Aruch, and Halachah (code of Jewish law).

Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10-13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn the specifics of Torah.

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BAT MITZVAH CLUB

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The Bat Mitzvah Clubat Chabad House is "for girls, run by girls and starring girls," because girls run the meetings, prepare programs and arrange activities. Be a leader or a participant. Organize an event. Plan a project. Make a presentation. The Bat Mitzvah Club is a place to grow, learn and get involved, share ideas, friendships and fun.

The Bat Mitzvah Club shows girls why a bat mitzvah is much more than a party. Learn what it really means to be a bat mitzvah in the modern world. Get to know your Jewish self through art, creative writing and community outreach. Discuss hot topics. Share your interests, goals, hopes and dreams. Record your thoughts and ideas in your very own club journal.

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Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating camping experience. The dedicated staff assures you that their focus on child safety and program quality is unparalleled.

CGI of Ann Arbor is part of the largest network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things!

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. The Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years;

2. The Junior Division for kids entering 1st-2nd grade;

3. The Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade;

4. The Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade.

Program includes: twice a week field trips to many exciting adventures in Southeast Michigan; three times a

week swimming; three times a week "icamp" an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities such as dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelery making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature and sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a shabbat party and challa baking.

Camp Gan Israel Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. Camp Gan Israel is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer.

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building

their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

HABONIM DROR CAMP TAVOR

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The local Habonim Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers Jewish cultural activities, homework help, and social programming for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. Events are held near the University of Michigan campus. All Habonim Dror programming is designed to help develop Jewish identity while creating a meaningful youth community.

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TEMPLE BETH EMETH YOUTH GROUPS

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Ann Arbor Temple Youth (AARTY) is a youth group for Jewish high school students. The AARTY board plans a wide range of events including religious, cultural, social action, social events, and opportunities for Jewish learning outside of the classroom. Religious events include planning their own High Holiday and Shabbat services. Social action opportunities include organizing TBE's annual High Holiday Food Drive, participating in the Trick-or-Can Drive on Halloween, baking and selling cookies to raise money for local non-profits, and volunteering at Mitzvah Day and local non-profits. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY participants have the opportunity to attend several regional events where they can learn and socialize with Jewish youth from around Michigan

KADIMA—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school students meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. Activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM—3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim events occur monthly to give 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities such as ice skating and trampoline jumping.

YOUNG JUDAEA

email: info@youngjudaea.org

Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9; Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults.

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The Holocaust Memorial Center documents the history of the Holocaust and highlights the rich culture of a people that was destroyed. The museum is comprised of three parts: the Museum of European Jewish History, Holocaust, and the International Institute of the Righteous. The Center's research wing includes the Holocaust Memorial Center Library and the John J. Mames Oral History Collection.

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Keeping Kosher

by Marcie Greenfield

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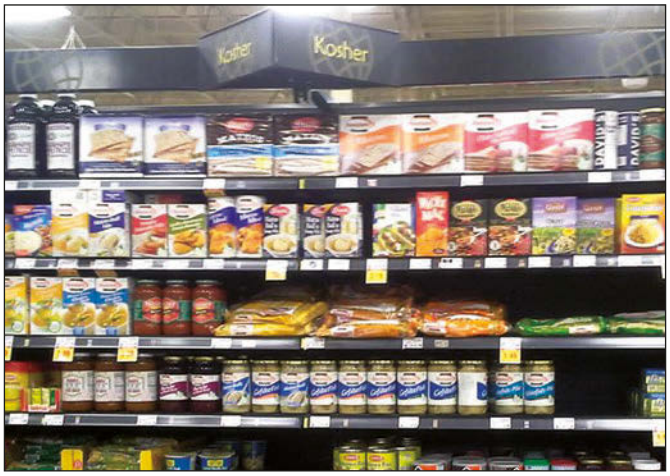

Co-op, Arbor Farms, Busch's, Plum Market and Costco add to the abundance of vegetarian and kosher foods available locally. You can also find kosher wines at many of these stores, as well as Stadium Market, Morgan and York and A&L Wine Castle.

The Kroger at Arborland has the largest selection of Kosher products, with dedicated kosher sections in the grocery, frozen and refrigerated aisles. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey, and a small selection of kosher cold cuts that they slice on a dedicated machine only used for kosher meat. They also have the most choices at Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list with details about the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com). They usually stock most kosher fresh chicken options, turkey breast and ground turkey, ribeye steak, brisket and ground beef.

Costco's selection of Kosher products is always changing, and there are many Kosher certified products sold there. The Ann Arbor Costco does not usually carry fresh kosher products. The Costco in Commerce or Bloomfied Hills might have more choices. Check with the stores.

Many restaurants in Washtenaw County offer vegetarian and vegan options. Seva has been a strictly vegetarian restaurant since 1973. Downtown Ann Arbor is Earthern Jar, a vegetarian and vegan Indian food buffet. Hut-k Chaat on Packard near Platt is all vegetarian. The Lunch Room is a vegan restaurant in Kerrytown.

The University of Michigan Hillel, located at 1429 Hill Street, offers freshly-cooked kosher meals available to students and the community, under the supervision of Rabbi Rod Glogower of the Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. The daily-changing, seasonal menu is served at lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday, and updated daily at www.michiganhillel.org. Call 769-0500 with questions or to place carry-out orders.

The Ann Arbor Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen and keeping kosher. Call (734) 995-3276 for details or go to chabadannarbor.org. Delivery from several kosher restaurants, carryout places and bakeries located in Detroit area can be arranged through the Chabad House for a fee.

About 45 minutes away in West Bloomfield is a full-service kosher butcher, Harvard Row Kosher Meat, which also carries delicious homemade foods prepared on site. The area's largest all-Kosher grocery store, One Stop Kosher in Southfield, stocks fresh produce, fresh and

frozen meat, fresh-sliced deli meats, cooked foods and a large selection of wine. Bake Station bakery has a location in Southfield and Farmington Hills, and Zemans New York Bakery is in Oak Park. Kosher Restaurants in the Oak Park/Southfield area include Dave's Gourmet, Kravings, Sara's Deli and Jerusalem Pizza. Chef Cari offers her Kosher prepared foods inside the Farm Fresh Market in Oak Park.

Some useful sites include cordetroit.com, (Rabbinical Council of Detroit) and koshermichigan.com.

The following Ann Arbor stores offer kosher foods:

• Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd., (734) 996-8111

• Costco, 771 Airport Blvd., (734) 213-8010

• Kroger, 3615 Washtenaw Ave. (there are other locations, but this one has the most kosher products), (734) 677-2370

• Lucky's, 1919 S. Industrial Hwy, (734) 368-9137

• People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave. (734) 994-9174

• Plum Market, 375 North Maple Rd. (734) 827-5000

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• Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave., (734) 975-4500 and 990 W. Eisenhower Pkwy, (734) 997-7500

The following stores are located in cities about 45 minutes away:

• Bake Station, 30760 Southfield Road, Southfield, (248) 723-9000 and 29581 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 626-9000

• Harvard Row Kosher Meat, 6221 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 539-8806

• One Stop Kosher Food Market, 25155 Greenfield Road, Southfield, (248) 569-5000

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Kosher eateries in Metro Detroit, include:

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Jewish paper-cut art is a 19th century Eastern European tradition that has been revived in modern times. This work is one that was presented to Chuck and Sharon Newman by Hillel, the Foundation of the Campus Jewish Community. The image gives visual expression to the role of Hillel in the setting of the campus and the commitment of Hillel to the beliefs and traditions of Judaism. It portrays Hillel's two homes: the university as the seat of higher learning and Jerusalem as the heart of the Jewish people.

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